(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any scheme for the upliftment of backward communities in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds provided by the Union Government for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) There is no list of backward classes/communities in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

[*English*]

Production of Groundnut in Gujarat

1476. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Plays a significant role in the production of groundnut in the country;

(b) if so, the annual contribution by Gujarat in this regard; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to further increase the production of groundnut in Gujarat?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Gujarat State contributed 13.8 per cent to the total groundnut production in the country during 1990-91.

(c) Gujarat State is covered by the Centrally sponsored Oilseeds production programme which contains incentives for inputs such as production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, supply of plant protection chemicals and equipments, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhizobium, gypsum and pyrites. In addition, demonstrations are laid out by the extension workers and scientists to propagate improved technology among farmers.

Employment to Displaced Persons

1477. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minster of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether land has been acquired by the ONGC in Nhava Sheva and by IPCL in Nagothane for the use of these organisations;

(b) if so, the number of families affected due to it;

(c) whether any preference is being given in employment to the oustees by these organisations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINSTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). ONGC has given employment to 27 persons from the affected families and IPCL to 594 persons.

(e) Does not arise.

Delicensing of Dairy Industry

1478. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Operation Flood (OPF) III is

affected due to delicensing of Dairy Industry and by competition from major international producers and exporters of milk products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of milk during the lean summer months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C.LENKA): (a) and (b). The emergence of a large number of milk product manufacturing units in an unregulated manner could lead to competition between co-operative dairies and others for liquid milk. However, the interests of the co-operative dairy sector will be protected.

(c) It is normal practice to use conserved milk products during the lean season and also impose selective restrictions on the conversion of milk into milk products to improve milk availability during lean summer months.

Production and Requirement of Kerosene

1479. SHRI ARVIND TULSIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production and requirement of kerosene in the country;

(b) whether there is any gap in its production and requirement; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to bridge the gap?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a)and (b). The total production & consumption of SKO is as under:-

(Figs. in MT)

Year	*Indigenous production*	*Consumption*
1988-89	5201	7731
1989-90	5700	8239
1990-91	5472	8385*

*Provisional

(c) To the extent possible, the gap between demand and availability is bridged by imports.

Visit by Cuban Foreign Minister

1480. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Minister of Cuba visited India recently; and

(b) if so, the bilateral matters including trade that figured in his talks with Indian leaders and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a)